BITTERROOT CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Locally-led Conservation Since 1946
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STEVE VOGT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Award Amount: $10,000

The Bitterroot Conservation District announces the availability of a $10,000 ($2,500 per year for four years) scholarship in honor of long time Bitterroot Conservation District board member and rancher, Steve Vogt.

The Bitterroot Conservation District (BCD) offers this college scholarship to a qualified local high school senior intent on pursuing a degree in natural resources or related field. Appropriate courses of study include agriculture, agronomy, animal/range/soil science, forestry, land resources, environmental science/engineering, hydrology, plant science, wildlife biology, etc.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must reside in Ravalli County
- Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5
- Must pursue a degree in natural resources or related field
- Will enroll full time in Montana post-secondary school

Application Requirements:

- Complete application form to include school transcript (4 years), list of extracurricular activities (including any leadership positions), volunteer community service, and employment.
- Two letters of recommendation from instructors/mentors, employers, community leader.
- An essay, not to exceed 500 words explaining: What is conservation of natural resources and why it is important to you?
- Finalists will be asked to attend a BCD board meeting to discuss their educational plans and goals.

Application must be submitted and received by 5:00 pm on the 21st of April 2026.

Submit application and all required materials by e-mail: bitterrootcd@macdnet.org and/or mail to:

Julie Ralston, Bitterroot Conservation District Administrator, 1709 North First Street, Hamilton, MT 59840.

If awarded a scholarship, the student will be required to submit additional paperwork confirming their enrollment at the school/college they will be attending along with payment information. With proof of enrollment, payment will be made by the BCD directly to said school. ***This information is due by 5:00 PM on June 30, 2026. Failure to turn in this paperwork on time could result in loss of scholarship****. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for the following year's scholarship.*

In the event of no new applications, the BCD Board will award the scholarship based on prior year's applications and their ranking.



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College Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

University/College/Trade School applying to:

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Planned course of study: _____

Required attachments:

- Cover Letter
- School transcript (4 years), list of extracurricular activities (including any leadership positions), Volunteer Community Service, and Employment-**No Photo of Applicant**
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Essay

I certify that my scholarship application materials are accurate to the best of my knowledge and that my essay is my original work. I understand that application materials will not be returned. If I am selected as the scholarship winner, I understand that information such as my name, hometown, photo, and course of study may be used in media announcements by the Bitterroot Conservation District.

Signature:_____Date: _____